

Hale Aloha Church
600 Laukini Street
Lahaina
Maui County
Hawaii

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

HALE ALOHA CHURCH

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ADDRESS: 600 Laukini Street, Lahaina, Maui County, Hawaii

OWNER: Waiola Church, Lahaina, Maui County

OCCUPANT: None

USE: Abandoned

ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

An early meeting house of the Hawaiian Congregational Church at Lahaina, supplementary to the main Wainee Church.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Original and Subsequent Owners:

Wainee Church (now called Waiola Church). Hale Aloha was built on land which was granted to the Church and which has remained in the possession of the Church since that time. The grant was confirmed by the Territorial Governor on Sept. 5, 1918. 1

Date of Erection:

1855-1858. 2

Builder, Etc.:

Built under the direction of the Rev. Dwight Baldwin, missionary pastor of the Wainee Church, with much of the work done by the Church members. 3

Original Plans, Construction, Etc.:

None available.

Notes on Alterations:

Fitted up by the Government as a schoolhouse, with benches, desks, blackboards, etc., in 1859. Completely renovated in 1907-8 as a chapel; bell tower and bell added in 1910. 4

Historical Events Connected with Structure:

In 1855 there were in Lahaina, in addition to the large stone church at Wainee, several smaller local meeting houses. In March of that year the Church decided to rebuild completely the largest of these, used also for a schoolhouse, and to name the new building Hale Aloha in commemoration of Lahaina's escape from the smallpox epidemic which devastated Oahu in 1853. Completed in 1858, Hale Aloha was used for church and prayer meetings for many years. In 1859 the Government acquired a right in the building by installing desks, benches and blackboards, and used it as a school until the mid-60's. On December 14, 1862, the Episcopalian Mission used Hale Aloha for their first formal services in Lahaina, before they acquired their own building. During 1907-9 Hale Aloha, neglected for many years, was completely renovated as a chapel and used for the Wainee Church's English language services and as a parish hall for about 10 years. 5

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